

My name is William Vega

I am a 10 year veteran with the Department of Corrections for the State of Connecticut.

On August 22nd, 2007, while performing my duties as a Correctional Officer at Walker Correctional Center, I sustained a serious back injury while bringing a violent inmate fight to an end.

I sought medical advice and started numerous phases of treatment which included:

- physical therapy,
- Epidural steroid injections,
- Sacroiliac joint injections,
- wearing a Flector Patch,
- wearing a back brace and
- taking numerous prescription pain medications - all these did nothing, but disturb the normal process of my digestive system.

I have done everything instructed by doctors, the Department of Corrections, and G.A.B. Robins, but still no cure. I was even denied a treatment by G.A.B., that would have consisted of burning a few nerves in the affected area, because there was no guarantee that it would work.

Finally, on December 30th, 2008, I was seen by Dr. Krompinger and was told I am a candidate for fusion surgery. I was sent to Dr. Krompinger by the State of Connecticut Worker's Compensation Commission.

Overall, I really would like for everyone to understand that I have been employed since 1986. I have never been injured on or off any job I have had. For a decorated officer to receive an award for saving an inmate's life, who no longer wanted to live; shaking hands with Governor M. Jodi Rell and accepting a Preservation of Life Statement; respecting the job and the oath I took and have to go through all this unnecessary pain and financial strain really does not send a good message to the other reliable, dedicated and proud workers that are out there everyday doing their jobs the best of their abilities! I am also suggesting that this Bill be retroactive.

Thank you for your time and please do not forget the reasons we as voters vote for you to represent people like me. We were there for you when you needed our votes to obtain your positions... NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BE THERE FOR US!!!

THANK YOU!